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And the band played on...

Laurentian University takes over Huntington's Music program

BY NEIL ZACHARJEWICZ
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

At this time last year, the Sudbury community was lamenting the possible end to the Music program at Huntington University. Now, thanks to the intervention of Laurentian University, Music program supporters are singing a new tune.

In a ceremony held in the Brenda Wallace Reading Room on Monday, December 12th, officials from both universities gathered to sign an agreement that marked the official transfer of the Music program from Huntington to Laurentian. As part of the agreement, Laurentian assumes responsibility for the Music program and becomes the employer of faculty members teaching in the department.

"Given that music is critical to the quality of life of our community, Laurentian is committed to maintaining a Music program on campus and will work with local partners to ensure its viability," declared Dr. Judith Woodsworth, President of Laurentian University. "We are confident that the students in the program will have access to a quality music education and will contribute to the cultural fabric of our community."

"Huntington is certainly very pleased that Laurentian made the decision to take on the management of the Music program," added Doug Joblin, President of Laurentian University. "This decision speaks highly of the quality of the music program and its contributions to Laurentian's curriculum, the local ad wider communities, none of which



Neil Zacharjewicz / LAMBDA

Students in the Music program at Laurentian performed for those in attendance for the landmark ceremony to sign over the program from Huntington University to Laurentian. The ceremony to officially transfer the program took place on Monday, December 12th.

were ever in question. It also speaks highly of Laurentian's commitment to the Humanities' disciplines. The decision was good news for the students, facul-

ty, Laurentian, Sudbury community and Huntington. I am sure that the program will continue to grow and develop in new and exciting ways under 'new man-

agement.'"

Dr. Woodsworth admitted that there were many factors that contributed to the effort to save the music program, including the

support for the university and community, but confessed her own selfish love of music was also a consideration. She noted she had attended two concerts

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Laurentian campus to house new mining centre

BY LAURA THERRIEN
SCIENCE & TECH EDITOR

On December 16th, 2005, Dr. Judith Woodsworth, President of Laurentian University, announced plans for the Centre of Excellence in Mining Innovation (CEMI). The project is in keeping with the University's vision of becoming a national centre of excellence in mining engineering. The Laurentian campus will be home to the new facility.

The initiative, proposed by the Ontario Mineral Industry Cluster Council (OMICC), is a great development for the City of Greater Sudbury and industry partners, Dr. Woodsworth suggested. Under the leadership of the Honourable Rick Bartolucci, Minister of Northern Development and Mines, CEMI is a major step created to capitalize on the benefits of

a "cluster" approach to develop the mineral sector and raise mining's regional profile by combining industry, academia and government in a private/public partnership.

"The Centre located at Laurentian will be a hub and will radiate outwards," said Dr. Woodsworth. "Like a wheel with spokes, it will move to other communities and grow to national and international levels."

Research at CEMI will advance state-of-the-art concepts and processes that supports regional, national and international exploration, as well contribute to the economic growth of mining services and supplies providers. The Centre will focus on five key research areas: exploration, tele-robotics, integrated mine process engineering, deep mining, and environment

and reclamation.

The creation of CEMI was proposed in Sudbury since the region already benefits from considerable mining assets and strengths, and has the potential of enhancing the City's position as an international centre for world-class mining research. Already home to major mining companies such as Inco Limited, Falconbridge Limited and FNX Mining Company Inc., as well as some 300 mining supply and services companies, Sudbury is a logical choice for the new initiative, Dr. Woodsworth said. Complimented by Laurentian's graduate and undergraduate programs, the Centre can benefit from the expertise and pool of highly developed skilled workers trained for the mining sector, she noted.

Dr. John Gammon, the former

Assistant Deputy Minister, Mines and Minerals Division, Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, will be heading the process of establishing CEMI on the Laurentian campus. He will be responsible for managing the government's participation in exploration, mining, smelting, and refining in Ontario. Dr. Gammon will also be in charge of bringing together the key players in the industry to identify and secure the required resources to make this project a reality.

The plan for the Centre is still a work in progress but Dr. Woodsworth hopes that within five years, CEMI will be a well-established and globally renowned research facility on the Laurentian campus. She said she is anxiously awaiting the occasion in which she will be announce "the next phase of this exciting initiative."

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EDITOR'S CORNER

This week's Editorial Corner has been temporarily suspended to make room for the debut of our brand new column from the Wing Men. Lambda welcomes our new contributors aboard, and hopes you enjoy these articles in the coming months.

- Neil Zacharjewicz, Editor-In-Chief



Welcome back!!!

There are still a few openings for teams interested in taking part in the annual LOCS Hockey Tournament, scheduled for January 28th and 29th. Anyone interested is asked to please drop by the LOCS office for details.

Also, for any teams that have signed up for the tournament, please drop by with your entry fee as soon as possible. These fees are needed to ensure that the tourna-

ment goes forward as planned.

You may be interested in finding out that LOCS is in the process of planning a Sudbury Wolves night, tentatively scheduled for Friday, January 20th. The Wolves will be taking on the Brampton Battalion that evening, so it should make for a good game. Keep your eyes peeled for posters around the school with information on the event.

The Wing Men

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves, "the Wing Men", self proclaimed connoisseurs of Sudbury's finest chicken wings. We are four, young, strapping individuals who share a common bond: a great fondness for chicken wings late every Monday night. Our mutual love for the wing of a bird has brought us together in the plight of finding Sudbury's greatest chicken wing.

Here is the background to our Monday nights:

First we get the Mondays.

Then we watch barbaric men (much larger than three out of the four of us) battle it out on the grid iron (Monday night football).

Then we order chicken wings for TAKE OUT (this is important to note)

Then we pick them up

Then we evaluate them

Then we publish our findings in scientific journals

The test specimens are subject to rigorous unbiased evaluations under the following strict criteria: Straight Up Taste, Substance and Girth, Service & Presentation, and of course the proverbial BANG FOR YOUR BUCK!

Case Study # 1: THE DOGHOUSE

Located: 212 Romanet Lane. Tel: 705-675-2275

Wings picked: One Pound Honey Garlic, One Pound Medium per Wingman

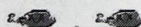
Straight Up Taste: A little too dry; both the medium and honey garlic wings could have been a little juicier. Yet, no lack of flavor.



Substance and Girth: There definitely could have been more meat on the bone.



Service and Presentation: Our order was ready in 15 minutes from when we called. The wings came in the standard two pounds to a Styrofoam container. Ample Wet Wipes were provided, however nothing else.



Proverbial Bang for your Buck: approximately \$5.30 a pound, so quite cheap. However only 7-8 scantily clad chicken wings per pound.



Overall: The Doghouse definitely satisfies the hunger for anybody craving chicken wings. However, if their wings had a little bit more meat and were somewhat juicier, the Doghouse would have some of the finest wings in town as they definitely do not lack in the price and the ever so important taste department.

That's it for this week, stay tuned for our next week's featured establishment: the 1500 Pub! Remember, when standing face to face with hunger, just Wing IT!

SPACE FOR RANT

Student claims to have solved the OSAP mystery

Dear Editor,

Being in my fourth year and at the end of my undergrad career, I started to become curious about this thing I have been applying to and receiving called Osap. I put my detective hat on and set out what came to be a very long adventurous journey, but it was well worth it. To start my research, as I do before any assignment or project, I searched through dozens of Archie comics, as I have found they supply solutions to every kind of problem usually consisting of Archie's crazy shenanigans ticking off Mr. Weatherbee. And alas, there was a character named Osapeious, a crazy misfit who loved animals. I then wondered if this character was based on a real person, and if that person was responsible for supplying me with money for school. Using my research techniques obtained through the vigorous years of university, I googled his name. He was real, a person who resided in the town of Barrie named Osapeious Boondock. Once I found him I called him several times a day asking where he got all this money and why was he loaning it to students throughout Ontario. He frequently contended that he was not the person who provided loans for students, why he would lie about his generous actions is quite simple, he is embarrassed. It is quite normal attribute of a charitable person, they feel like it is selfish to admit and brag about their actions. After several months of phoning and finally getting the restraining order lifted, I caught a break. While rummaging through his garbage, he caught me, and yelled "I do not know anything about loans!" It was then I knew it was him, why would he mention the word 'loan' when he

Something eating away at the back of your mind that you just absolutely feel you need to share with others? Well, that's what this space is for. In the proud Lambda tradition, Space For Rant is back for another year. We invite readers of our publication the opportunity to speak their mind on the issues that affect us all.

Didn't like something you read in Lambda? Fire away! Frustrated with one of the many issues going on around campus? That's why we're here. Space For Rant is your space... the reader's space... to have your say and share your message with a broader audience.

was yelling at me to stop going through his garbage. I found this to be my strongest form of evidence against him. I then started to find about the man behind our loans through aggressive questioning of people in the towns coffee shops. What I found out was crucial to my case, first I found he is known by his friends as Sappy, and one time he lent a buddy twenty dollars. This justified any doubt that he was not the loan man, it established his giving character shown in lending money to his buddy, and for the nickname Sappy, it suited a man who would provide loans. After doing many seminars and conventions on Mr. Boondock, I was approached by an individual who did not believe me. First she demonstrated that she thought I was incompetent and questioned my mental health. Next she told me that osap was a government service and it was an acronym which stood for Ontario Student Assistance Program. I told her that her claim was absurd, and such propaganda should be left for conspiracy websites, as it has no place in our society. I was offended of her comments and I do believe Osapeious Boondock would be too, and I might tell him about it if I can ever find his now changed and private phone number. In short, thanks to my investigative and research methods students around Ontario universities will not have anymore sleepless nights wondering where their loans come from, as it is not from any government or bank, but from a man named Osap who lives in Barrie.

Matthew Muldoon

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CAMPUS NEWS



Stephanie Valentinni (left), Office Coordinator at the Students' General Association, accepts a donation from Vikki Pownall (right), LSA President.



Jessica Tarini (left), LSA Vice-President, and Ashley Lawrence (right), LSA Awareness Coordinator, took part in the "Loonie Line" fundraising event.

'Loonie Line' raises \$200 for campus food bank

On November 24, the Laurentian Student Alumni (LSA) coordinated its second "Loonie Line" to help out their fellow students in need. During this event, LSA members canvassed staff, faculty and students on the Laurentian campus for their spare change.

This year's "Loonie Line" goal was surpassed as \$200 was collected, all of which went towards the purchase of food and meal vouchers for the campus food bank. The LSA extends a special thank you to everyone who emptied their pockets! "LSA's first charity project this year was a great opportunity for the Laurentian community to help out the students that needed some assistance during holiday season and throughout the year. Thank you to all who participated!" said Vikki Pownall, LSA President.

This initiative was just one of the charity projects being undertaken this year by Laurentian Student Alumni.

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LU students asked to curl for charity

BY NEIL ZACHARJEWICZ
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

With one of its key annual charity events having been lost due to uncontrollable circumstances, a Laurentian alumnus is appealing for some help from students, faculty and staff at the university to help ensure the success of an upcoming charity event for the Sudbury Manitoulin Children's Foundation.

Jennifer Keen is the Marketing and Promotions Director for the Sudbury and Manitoulin Children's Foundation, as well as a Laurentian alumnus, and she is asking for support from Laurentian to help to ensure that their 11th annual Curling Funspiel is a success. The event is a critical fundraiser for the foundation, which operates the Send A Kid To Camp Program.

The Send A Kid To Camp Program is an initiative which provides opportunities for children between the ages of 6 and 14 who are disadvantaged, socially or financially deprived, those who come from a single parent family or families who do not have the money, as well as sexually, mentally and physically abused children, to enjoy summer camp.

"The common thread throughout, for all of these children, is that they would not be able to afford to go to camp without the Send A Kid To Camp program," Keen explained.

The Sudbury and Manitoulin Children's Foundation receives referrals from over 36 agencies, including Big Brothers/Big Sisters, the Children's Aid Society and the N'Kwakamok Friendship Centre. The foundation sends kids to over 20 camps, including Camp Sudaca, the Future Olympian Sports Camp, and the YMCA Day Camp. A total of 683 kids were able to go to camp in 2005, at a cost of \$296 per child, thanks to the program.

Unfortunately, in the Sudbury and Manitoulin Children's Foundation lost one of its major fundraisers, its annual charity bingo, due to closure of Lucky Star Bingo, and with the other bingo halls already having overloaded schedules, the foundation has to find a way to come up with more funds. The annual bingo fundraiser raised \$12,000 for the association, enough to send 40 kids to camp.

"That's a lot of children," Keen said. "We are really hoping Laurentian students, faculty and staff will join our funspiel."

The event is scheduled for Sunday, January 29th at the Sudbury Curling Club, and the cost is \$120 for a team of four, though Keen noted the foundation is willing to accept teams of three. Everyone who participates is guaranteed several games as well as a lunch.

"There are prizes for every player," she noted.

The event will also include a silent auction and a "closest to the button" contest. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Send A Kid To Camp program.

"As a former Laurentian alumnus myself, I know the generosity of Laurentian students," Keen stated.

Even if students cannot take part, there are other ways they can contribute, she noted. Donations will be accepted, and students, or perhaps even floors in residence, are invited to sponsor a child.

"There are various ways Laurentian students can help out," Keen said. "Our goal is to be able to send every child that is referred to us to camp."

Anyone interested in registering, or for more information, can reach Keen at 673-2227.

"It's going to be a fun day for everyone," Keen suggested.

ELECTION 2006

The Laurentian students' guide to Election 2006

BY ROBIN CROWDER
A&E EDITOR

Even with all the stress of studying and the hype of the holidays, one would have to be remarkably unobservant to ignore the fact that, come January 23rd, the Canadian people will be led into the second half of the decade by a (possibly) new and fearless leader. As Canadian citizens, part of our responsibility is to exercise the Constitutionally given right to voice our thoughts and opinions about the qualities and ideals this leader should possess - in other words, to vote.

Since the so-called Christmas campaign kicked off some weeks ago, "experts" have been arguing back and forth about all the possible pros and cons to the downtime given for the holidays, and really, have come to no agreements. Some believe that the holiday season will keep voters otherwise occupied, meaning that any platforms presented before the new year will be caught up in a Christmas whirlwind and discarded with all the ribbons and bows. Others lean to the opposite extreme, maintaining that once the January exhaustion kicks in, people won't have the energy to keep up on the latest political schemes and promises, relying instead on what they heard back in December. However, for all their disputes, one thing experts tend to see eye to eye on is the influence of today's "young voters" - a power that many 18 to 27 year olds are unaware they hold.

Voter turn out in Canada has been at an embarrassing low for a number of years now, with only about 63% of registered eligible voters choosing to make their voices heard in 2000, and much of this drop is attributed to the lack of youth voter turnout. While, again, statisticians have trouble agreeing on reasons for the disinterested youth, one thing remains true and vitally important: it is the youth of today who represent the future of our country. New opinions, ideas and values are on the horizon, with bright-eyed and educated youth serving as the catalysts for change. This being said, it is time for us - the Canadian youth - to stand up and help decide the fate of the country.

Unfortunately, as the new year kicks off there is much catching up to be done, last semester's mistakes - or marks - to face and a whole new work load to deal with, so keeping up to date on all the political platforms is not often an easy or desirable thing to do. However, when you think about the number of people around the world who do not have the luxury, let alone the right, of playing a role in their country's government, voting does not seem like a privilege we should be frivolous about. In an effort to encourage you MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD, to get out and VOTE, I present to you a (very!) general overview of Canada's latest contestants for prime minister, along with their beliefs, values and platforms. So read up, and make the educated choice - not only to vote, but who you vote for.

Liberal Party of Canada

Leader: Paul Martin

Sudbury representative: Diane Marleau

www.liberal.ca

Head of the minority government that fell in late 2005, Paul Martin seeks re-election while focusing on six main areas of issue for the Canadian people: the economy, cities and communities, families, universal health care, the environment and Canada and the world. The Liberals plan to invest \$2 billion to help the country prosper in the global economy, pushing forward with university based research. Within communities,

they are working at establishing gas tax agreements with all provinces to help reduce the price of fuel and aim to place a ban on all handguns. A plan for \$5 billion over five years is earmarked for child care funds, along with a separate plan for federal support to low-income families. Paul Martin stands up the civil equality of same-sex marriages. Across the world, the Liberal party hopes to reduce poverty and encourage peace and stability, with one means being Canadian debt cancellation. This being said, after saying no to the controversial missile defense project, they plan to contribute another billion or so dollars to the issue of the country's national security. They also claim to be dedicated to the environment with money allotted for an action plan for climate change, instituting commitments from the Kyoto agreement, supporting the "Clean Air Agenda." They are introducing a 10-Year Plan to Strengthen Health Care, which includes reduced waiting times, a national drug strategy, more doctors and nurses and extended home care. This party believes in a strong federation and aims for equal treatment of all Canadians.

Conservative Party of Canada

Leader: Stephen Harper

Sudbury representative: Kevin Serviss

www.conservative.ca

Relying strongly on "12 years of Liberal scandals," Stephen Harper seeks election for the second time as leader of a fairly new political party. The Conservatives are encouraging

voters to stand up for accountability, opportunity, security, family, community, and Canada. They plan to greatly reduce the amount of big money contributions in politics and give more power to watchdogs such as the Auditor General and the Ethics Commissioner. They vow to cut the GST to six percent immediately, followed by a reduction to five percent over the next five years, along with tax incentives for young Canadians to learn the skilled trades. Along the lines of security, Stephen Harper maintains the need to create a mandatory national DNA bank to protect against sex offenders, to strengthen border security under a new National Security Commissioner, to introduce mandatory prison sentences for certain drug and weapon offences and to raise the legal age of sexual consent from 14 to 16. The Conservative party vows \$100 a month per child under six for all families, and to establish a Wait Times Guarantee for health services. They hope to provide public transport users with a tax rebate to cover their transit costs. Finally, Stephen Harper stands up for a united Canada and places a strong emphasis on defending primary producers caught in an unfortunate trade market.

New Democratic Party

Leader: Jack Layton

Sudbury representative: Gerry McIntaggart

www.ndp.ca

Jack Layton and the NDP continue to focus their efforts on many social issues seen as important to the

Canadian people. These issues are laid out to cover a variety of different sectors: ethics and corruption; improved public health care; opportunities through education and training; the environment; protecting pensions; housing and the homeless; international aid; honouring obligation to Aboriginal people; fixing the immigration system; balancing budgets; creating jobs; safety in communities; child care and poverty; peace-keeping and defense and; tax fairness for Canadians. The NDP aim to defend Canada's health care from the threat of Americanization and avoid privatization. Layton also says he will introduce a number of new plans to refocus on the environment, including a clean air and water acts and a Polluter Pay Act. He aims to put workers and their pensions first, especially when it comes to bankrupted companies. They hope to reframe the acceptable housing market, offering assistance in Canada and abroad. The NDP wants to increase the recognition given to

Canada's aboriginal people and immigrants to the country, focusing on the quick recognition of foreign credentials. This party relies heavily on the fact that it was they who rewrote a more balanced budget for the Liberals and thus helped to keep the minority government in power a bit longer. In community safety measures, Layton plans to cut handgun violence, establish a better witness protection program and work at a more integrated anti-gang program.

The Green Party of Canada

Leader: Jim Harris

Sudbury representative: Joey Methe
www.greenparty.ca

The Green Party is not often recognized as a strong, or even valid, candidate in federal elections, despite the fact that in 2004 they became only the 4th federal party to have candidates in all 308 ridings. They claim to be neither left nor right, and much of this party's focus comes from an ecological perspective with what they believe will help sustain Canadians

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So how do I vote?

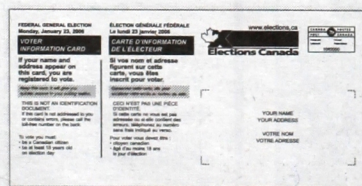
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CAMPUS NEWS

Sustainable Earth Club News

There is a great new club on campus this year! The sustainable earth club is here for all those concerned about the future of our global environment and those who don't realize there is a problem.

The club mission is to encourage everyone to reduce their consumption and ecological footprint by educating, and giving the opportunity to act, so that we may all make a lasting change for the betterment of ourselves and future generations.

Today, forests are being cleared at an alarming rate, water tables are being overused and drained, global warming is causing many harmful effects, including more violent storms and unpredictable weather patterns; the CO2 levels in the atmosphere are increasing, energy sources are being depleted and much more. In short, the world is over exploiting limited resources and irreparably damaging the planet.

It's all very frightening! However it is by no means too late to start examining our care of the Earth. In order for future generations to enjoy the same beautiful planet we do, we must start making changes that will allow for sustainable development. There are so many issues

here, but the biggest one standing in the way of sustainability is lack of awareness. As students, there are many things you can do. Here are some good, simple tips from David Suzuki's website (www.davidsuzuki.org):

Turn things off – lights, TVs, computers, all use a ton of energy.

Eat meat free one day per week – It takes much more water, food and energy to raise livestock than it does to grow crops.

Buy locally produced foods – cut down on food transportation pollution.

Walk, bike, bus or carpool – cut down car emissions that damage our air.

Share with others – people won't act if they don't realize there's a problem.

We encourage you to try at least one of these every week. Over time you will notice the benefits. You may feel healthier from walking somewhere instead of driving, notice a lower grocery bill from buying less meat, or even benefit from a lower energy bill. Whatever the case, when we each make little changes, it makes a BIG difference. You can be sustainable right now!

The sustainable earth club is always open to new ideas and input, so let us know what's on your mind at sustainable@laurentian.ca. And

keep your eyes out for us on campus. We have already held a conference, and organized a campus clean up. Our next campaign is called LUG-A-

MUG, we are encouraging students and faculty to bring and use their own mug when purchasing hot drinks.

Laurentian University takes over Huntington's Music program

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since the school year began, and has even invited students to perform at dinner parties at her home.

Before Laurentian officially took over the program, Dr. Woodsworth noted, a review was conducted of the program, as is done with all programs, and the results were revealing.

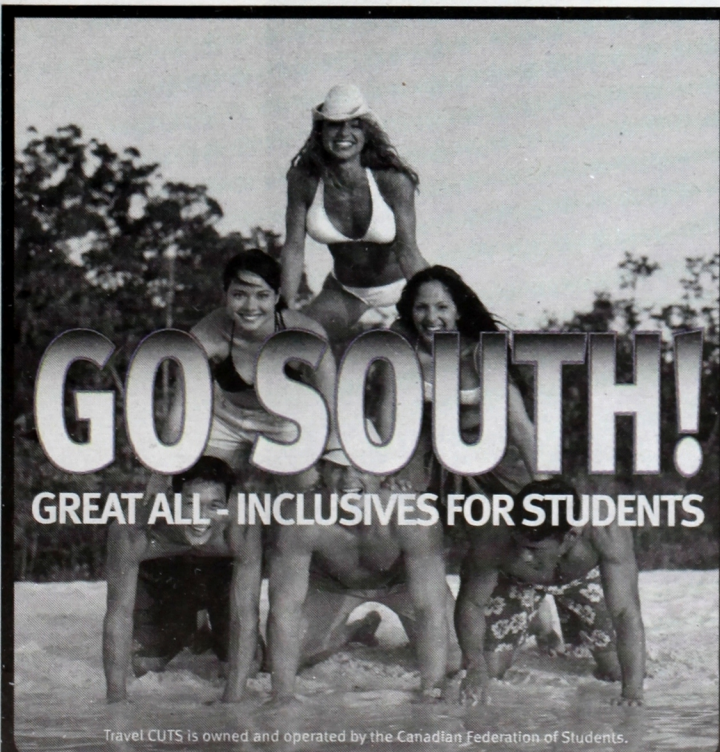
“It was clearly stated that the program had academic merit,” she noted.

Dr. Woodsworth noted that she still recalls the long faces of the students as they attempted to stare her down at a Senate meeting, and the pain of the faculty faced with the potential loss of their jobs. She said that Laurentian needed to take some time to think about it, but ultimately the university came to the conclusion that the Music program was important to both the university and the community.

“(The process of transferring the program) involved a lot of discussion and negotiation,” Dr. Woodsworth said.

Under the agreement reached between Huntington and Laurentian, Huntington will continue to provide space for teaching purposes related to the Music program, including faculty offices, until the end of the 2007-2008 academic year, at which point Laurentian will assume this responsibility. Huntington will also continue to provide the library resources and equipment until the end of the 2006-2007 academic year. The following year, Laurentian will assume responsibility for all of the library resources and equipment for the program. All of the scholarship funds dedicated to Music students and program will be transferred to Laurentian.

Once the period of the agreement lapses, the Music program will move into its new home in the new school of education. Those who turned out to attend the ceremony were provided with the opportunity to take a first look at the architectural drawings for the new facility.



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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



The Laurentian Nordic Ski teams are off to a flying start.

Laurentian's Nordic Ski Team Thrives in Early Meet

BY DEREK RENZINI
SPORTS EDITOR

The season could not have started off in better fashion for the Laurentian Lady Vees and Voyageurs Nordic Ski Team. The Vees and the Voyageurs both took to the trails in the Hardwood Hills Invitational on December 14th and posted some impressive results. The men were able to claim the top three spots in their category and the women held on to the top two in their group. However, because this was not a team meet, team standings were not recorded.

For the Voyageurs, rookie skier, Victor Wiltman led the charge taking the top spot in the 7 km race in a time of 0:20:26.0. Close behind was Tim Carlton, who captured second place in a time of 0:20:44.5. Roddy Purzner finished third in a time of 0:21:36.3.

For the Lady Vees, another rookie skier, Julie Porter, finished the 5km race strong, holding on to

first place in a time of 0:17:18.6. Her teammate, Aden Beresford was right on her heels finishing second in a time of 0:17:35.7.

This meet proved to be great start for the Nordic Ski Team, who will continue training hard in preparation for upcoming meets in the new year and will be hosting the OUA Championships in mid-February.

Men's University Category (7km Race)

1. Victor Wiltman, LU 0:20:26.0
2. Tim Carlton, LU 0:20:40.5
3. Roddy Purzner, LU 0:21:36.3
4. Reed Morrison, LU 0:23:25.4

Women's University Category (5km Race)

1. Julie Porter, LU 0:17:18.6
2. Aden Beresford, LU 0:17:35.7
3. Brittany Barclay, UG 0:19:51.2
4. Kristen Zazelenchuk, LU 0:21:12.8
5. Jessica Perry, LU 0:21:42.2
6. Bev Lewis, LU 0:23:07.3
7. Jessica Hanson, LU 0:25:41.4

The Laurentian students' guide to Election 2006

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and their environment. Jim Harris has divided his platform into nine sections: agriculture; animal welfare; energy; environment; fiscal policy; foreign policy; health care; human rights and; the Kyoto protocol. Their MPs aim to ensure the safety of Canadian livestock through new testing methods, and to support further wildlife conservation by ending federal funds for seal hunting. They will encourage the development of low-emission industries and increase funding for the creation of renewable energy sources, such as wind power. The Green party wants to work with parliament to adopt a better clean air act and to surpass Canadian targets reached in the Kyoto Protocol. They feel more money should be put towards the protection of Canada's environment and oppose oil and gas exploration in ecologically sensitive areas. Harris also support the ban of bulk water exports and hopes to implement a nationwide plan to help Canadians clean up their freshwater system. He aims to introduce a national cancer fighting strategy, which would reduce the incidence of cancer, facilitate treatment and improve the quality of life. Within human rights, the party would implement a Corporate Social Responsibility Act to ensure that companies are acting accordingly and will fight against the persistent obstacles to employment disabled people face. GST would be cut on products that reduce pollution and contribute to the better health of

Canadians.

Of course, there are a number of other parties who run candidates in a variety of ridings across the country, such as the Communist Party of Canada, the Canadian Action Party and the Marijuana Party and you may want to visit their websites to learn

more about their platforms. The above four parties are the only ones to have candidates in all the national ridings, but that is not to say they are the only ones who will play an important role in the coming election. For information on the upcoming election, visit <http://www.canadian-social-research.net/politics.htm>



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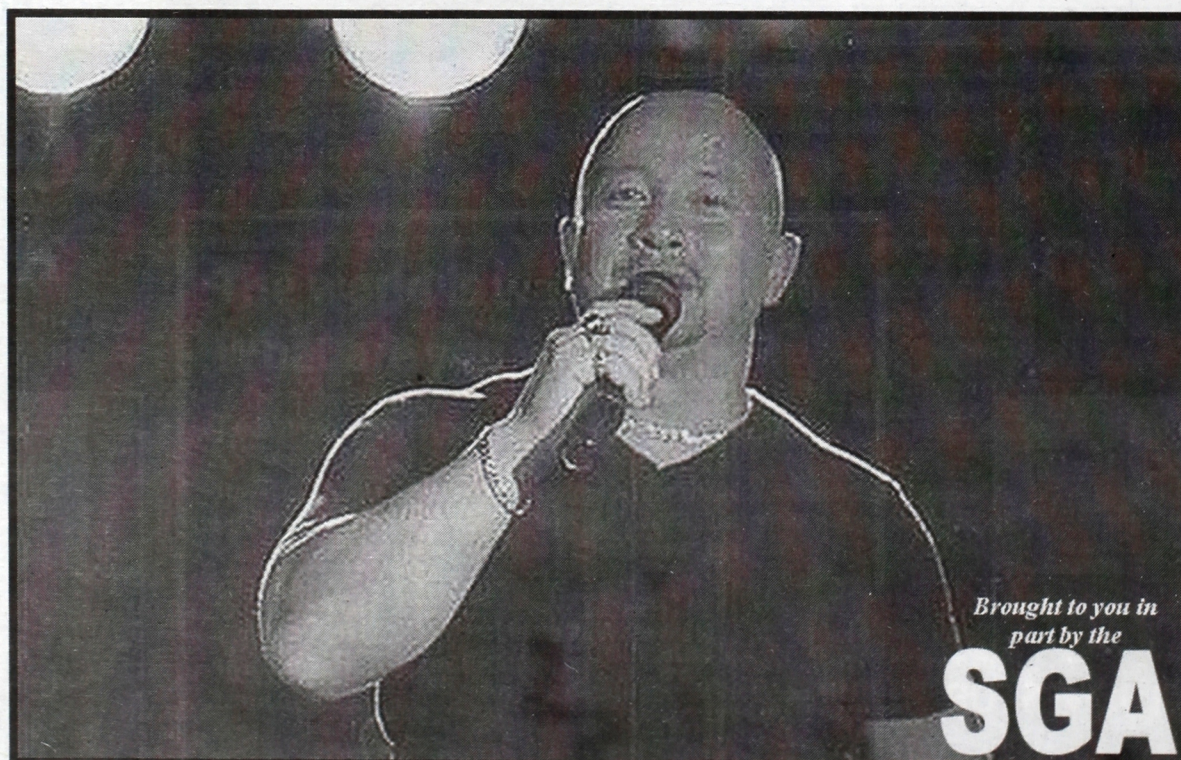
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The Laurentian Voyageurs Men's Basketball Team, 2005-06 edition.

Voyageurs aim to improve in second half of season

BY DEREK RENZINI
SPORTS EDITOR

The Laurentian Voyageurs men's basketball team wrapped up the first half of their season on a sour note, losing both of their road games to the only undefeated OUA East teams, the Ottawa Gees-Gees and the two-time defending champions Carleton Ravens.

The Gees-Gees proved to be too much for Laurentian to handle as they soundly defeated the Voyageurs 76-52. Unfortunately for the Voyageurs, things did not get any easier against Carleton, as the Ravens showed why they are one of the best teams in Canada and dominated the game from start to finish coming away with a lopsided 91-54 victory.

For the Voyageurs, these two losses capped off a disappointing first half of their season, but things could easily be worse. Although Laurentian finds themselves in 5th place overall in the OUA East with a 3-6 record, they are still in contention for a playoff spot and will have the luxury of having home court advantage for most of their games for the remainder of the season. Yet, for this young basketball squad, their record could have easily been different.

"We as a team are disappointed with our record at this point as we realistically should be

at worst 5-4, and if we really hit our stride early, we could have been 7-2," states Head Coach Virgil Hill. He confessed it has been very tough playing the majority of their games on the road with a young team that lacks experience and who are susceptible to the wear and tear of back to back road games.

Over the Christmas break, Head Coach Virgil Hill travelled with his team to Vancouver, British Columbia, where they took part in the Thunderbird Invitational basketball tournament.

In terms of the second half of the season, the Voyageurs find themselves on the road for their first weekend, playing against Windsor then Western on January 6th and 7th. Then, they only have one more road trip; the rest of their games are at home. This will provide Laurentian with a great opportunity to improve their record and make a push towards the playoffs.

"We have improved our talent, chemistry, toughness and athleticism but our inexperience has been our achilles heel to this point," Hill admitted. The coach emphasized that the key for his team in the second half of the season is to come together as a cohesive unit and put forth a consistent effort. If that happens, then the sky is the limit for this basketball team, he said.



The Laurentian Lady Vees Basketball Team, 2005-06 edition.

Lady Vees hope to ride momentum into 2006

BY DEREK RENZINI
SPORTS EDITOR

For the Laurentian Lady Vees basketball team it would be safe to say that they are on the right track.

The Lady Vees finished the first half of their season in remarkable fashion reeling off five wins in their last six games, which lands them 2nd place overall in the OUA East with a 6-3 record.

The women's basketball team went into their Christmas break on a positive note coming away with two tough road victories in Ottawa. The Vees won a closely contested game against the Ottawa Gees-Gees 54-50 and proceeded to carry that momentum into their match against the Carleton Ravens, defeating the Ravens 57-48.

These two road victories capped off a very impressive finish to the first half of their season and Head Coach Mike Clark couldn't be happier.

"I am very pleased with where we are at right now. We struggled at the start of the year integrating new players and having veterans assume new roles, but we are now pointed in the right direction," commented Clarke.

What is even more remarkable is that the Lady Vees were forced to grind out a majority of their victories on the road. To be exact, 7

of their first 9 games were played away from home and the Vees won five of these games.

All-Canadian Cassandra Carpenter has continued to dominate opposing teams and have yet another extraordinary season, but it has arguably been the ability of her teammates to step up and contribute which has resulted in the great success of the team.

For the Christmas break, the Lady Vees travelled to Fort Myers, Florida for their winter training camp. This provided them with some valuable training and practice time as well as a bit of relaxation before jumping back into the thick of things in January when their season resumes.

The women will be playing against Windsor and Western on the road on January 6th and 7th, but have the advantage of playing the majority of their games at home this semester. This will be a great opportunity for the Lady Vees to continually improve their record while making a surge towards the playoffs.

Head Coach Mike Clarke could not be more satisfied with the cohesion and morale that his team is showing but realizes that they must finish the season strong.

"So far so good, and the potential is there for us to be very good by playoff time," said Clarke.



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